

MINUTES

MONTANA JOINT HOUSE AND SENATE RULES 65th LEGISLATURE - SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE ON RULES

Call to Order: Chair Fred Thomas, on November 13, 2017 at 12:07 P.M., in Room 102
Capitol

SENATE ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Fred Thomas, Chair (R)
Sen. Bob Keenan, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Dick Barrett (D)
Sen. Mark Blasdel (R)
Sen. Edward Buttrey (R)
Sen. Llew Jones (R)
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)
Sen. Albert Olszewski (R)
Sen. Jon C. Sesso (D)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)
Sen. Cynthia Wolken (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Mike Phillips (D)
Sen. Scott Sales (R)

Members Absent: None

HOUSE ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jeff Essmann (R)
Rep. Kirk Wagoner (R)
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)
Rep. Seth Berglee (R)
Rep. Rob Cook (R)
Rep. Alan Doane (R)
Rep. Jennifer Eck (D)
Rep. Ron Ehli (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)
Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R)
Rep. Theresa Manzella (R)
Rep. Nate McConnell (D)

Rep. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

Rep. Brad Tschida (R)

Rep. Tom Woods (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Todd Everts, Legislative Branch
Julianne Burkhardt, Legislative Branch
Laura Sherley, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SJR 1, 11/13/2017

Executive Action: SJR 1 - DO PASS

Chairman Thomas turned over Chair responsibilities to Vice Chair Keenan.

HEARING ON SJ 1

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:02 Sen. Fred Thomas (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SJ 1, Special session joint rules resolution.

[EXHIBIT\(rus00a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(rus00a02\)](#)

00:02:37 Rep. Cook joined the meeting at 12:08 PM

00:07:55 Sen. Buttrey joined the meeting at 12:14 PM

Proponents: None

Opponents: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:13:32 Rep. McConnell

00:13:58 Sen. Thomas

00:17:19 Rep. Wagoner

00:18:12 Sen. Thomas

00:18:59 Rep. Kelker

00:19:33 Sen. Thomas

00:21:14 Sen. Wolken

00:21:34 Sen. Thomas

00:22:14 Rep. Essmann

00:25:04 Rep. Mandeville

00:25:59 Sen. Thomas

Closing by Sponsor:

00:26:10 Sen. Thomas

Chairman Thomas resumed role as Chair.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 1

00:26:52 **Motion:** Sen. Keenan moved that **SJ 1 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:27:09 Rep. Eck

00:27:24 **Motion:** Rep. McConnell moved that **SJ 1 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(rus00a03\)](#)

Discussion:

00:27:48 Sen. Thomas

00:27:53 Rep. McConnell

00:29:36 Rep. Eck

00:30:31 Rep. Wagoner

00:31:11 Rep. Essmann
 00:33:08 Rep. Bennett
 00:35:38 Rep. Woods
 00:35:56 Sen. Thomas

00:37:07 **Vote:** Motion failed 5-8 by roll call vote in the Senate with Sen. Barrett, Sen. Phillips, Sen. S. Sales, Sen. Sesso and Sen. Wolken voting aye. Sen. Phillips and Sen. S. Sales voted by proxy.

00:39:07 Rep. Essmann
 00:39:25 Sen. Thomas

00:39:54 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-0 by roll call vote in the Senate. Sen. Phillips abstained. Motion carried 11-6 roll call vote in the House with Rep. Bennett, Rep. Eck, Rep. Kelker, Rep. McConnell, Rep. Stewart-Peregoy, and Rep. Woods voting no.

00:41:29 Sen. Thomas
 00:42:26 Sen. Sesso
 00:42:46 Sen. Thomas
 00:42:57 Sen. Sesso
 00:43:25 Sen. Thomas
 00:43:35 Sen. Keenan

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:50 PM

Laura Sherley, Secretary

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